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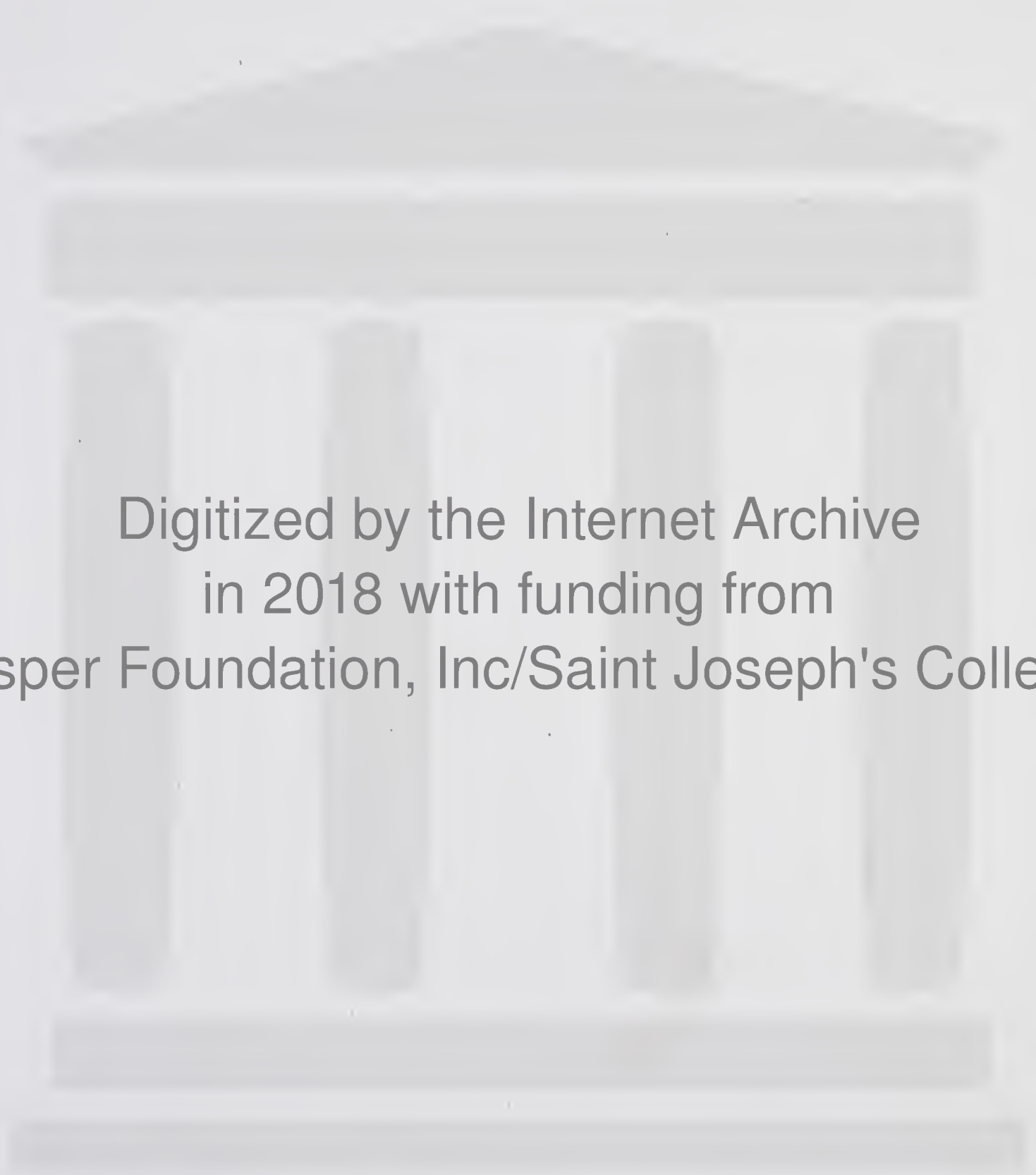
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"Presidential Decade Reviewed"



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Fr. Charles Banet, C.P.P.S.

Presidential Decade Reviewed

For the past ten years, Fr. Charles Banet has directed the fortunes and progress of Saint Joseph's College as its President. It's been a decade of challenges and problems, growth and success at Collegeville, and Fr. Banet has lived with and felt the ups and downs possibly more deeply than any other member of our college family.

After ten years, how does he view his presidency? How has the college progressed? What's in store in the future? Fr. Banet paused during a typically-busy workday this spring to answer these and other questions.

CONTACT: If there is any book you can't find in a library, it's one on "How To Be A College President." What are the major qualities required to handle this complex, demanding responsibility?

FR. BANET: I don't know. It is not a job that anyone should enjoy doing, because there is just too much unhappiness connected with getting where you have to go. You need a lot of patience. Patience to listen. Patience to think through all the various suggestions from people interested in making this a better college. Patience to live with the burden of loneliness. You have to mediate, negotiate, and jockey with all kinds of power segments. You need patience with yourself to understand and appreciate that no one has all the answers. You rarely win recognition, and catch a lot of criticism. That takes patience and determination if you have a goal in mind.

CONTACT: When you were elected President of Saint Joseph's ten years ago did you ever think your term would run a decade and more?

FR. BANET: Not on your life! At the time, I looked at myself as an interim leader and assumed the attitude that I'd try to do my best while I held the responsibility. In fact, I told my relatives in a letter written just two months before my selection as President that my duties as Executive Vice-President would soon end and I wouldn't have to be anything except the librarian any more. My crystal ball must have been very cloudy.

CONTACT: So along comes June 7, 1965, and you're suddenly President of the college. Were you shocked at this development?

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FR. BANET: Well, let's say I was at least somewhat surprised. At first, I didn't know quite what to expect and my first conviction was that I would have to become intricately familiar with all the people, operations and policies of Saint Joseph's. It was like a giant "cram" session; I wanted to be "on top of" everything, so the first step was to read and study every little detail I could get my hands on.

CONTACT: Didn't this involve burning a lot of midnight oil?

FR. BANET: Certainly. Sometimes it seemed like the mountain of letters, reports and related correspondence would never be conquered, but this was a necessary learning process. I also found out that you can't work 12 to 16 hours daily, seven days a week, 365 days a year, without overtaxing yourself. Fortunately, in these past ten years, I've learned to relax a little—to take things in stride.

CONTACT: New problems will always challenge you, but do you find the presidency more comfortable to live with now than in 1965?

FR. BANET: That's one of the fortunate aspects of this job. At first, the sense of responsibility and loneliness in use of authority seemed awesome. It was only as the days went on and the parade of administrators, faculty and personnel began to report to me and request my decision, advice and direction that the reality of the presidency began to form itself in my attitudes. Though the final weight of responsibility is always there, and the job is most demanding and absorbing, you gradually learn to live with it—even comfortably at times.

CONTACT: Despite its burdens, don't you also find the presidency rewarding?

FR. BANET: This office is sometimes bitter and burdensome, but almost at the same time sweet and light. There are days when I could not imagine anything that I would rather be than president of this college. These are the days when I know how much a president is needed, how important decisions are, how important that the college be represented to so many different groups—faculty, students, staff, trustees, alumni, donors, parents and friends.

CONTACT: You have often said that the president does much listening. Could you explain this?

FR. BANET: The President must do a lot of listening before he can make necessary decisions. There aren't enough hours in a day that would permit me to become

involved in the analysis that precedes decisions, so the informing process means that I listen to the analysis of qualified assistants before making the final decision.

CONTACT: No one could remain precisely the same after ten years of a college presidency. What effects, what changes have these duties brought upon you?

FR. BANET: On a day-to-day basis, I've found that I can accept the intensity of this job and its many problems more calmly. I can now reflect more and make decisions without a constant sense of pressing urgency; and whereas I used to react to issues quickly, I now can reflect and study items before responding. Possibly most important, I've learned that the presidency is the type of job in which you can only hope to do your best, and can't expect to make everyone happy.

CONTACT: Do you ever have cause to second-guess yourself?

FR. BANET: This probably happens to anyone who carries any type of responsibility, and I've often questioned myself and blamed myself when things didn't go as I had expected or hoped. Another thing—I've seen that in a job like this, sins of omission can be just as critical as sins of commission. Right here on campus, for example, you can't go through ten years without crossing swords with everyone under you, so you have to discern the major from the minor issues, set a list of priorities and function with the common good of the entire institution foremost in your mind.

CONTACT: The past decade has witnessed considerable change and growth at Saint Joseph's. Could you outline some of the highlights of 1965-75?

FR. BANET: To start with, several developments have been truly historic. In 1968, we dropped a 77-year tradition to become residentially coeducational, and one year after that our Core curriculum was introduced. This program of general education has been nationally recognized as an innovative, effective way of learning and in fact Lilly Endowment, Inc., granted us \$250,000 to further develop this program because they were so impressed with it. Most recently, of course, came the development that gives us so much reason to believe we have a bright future.

CONTACT: You're referring to the Administration Building fire and the subsequent redevelopment program?

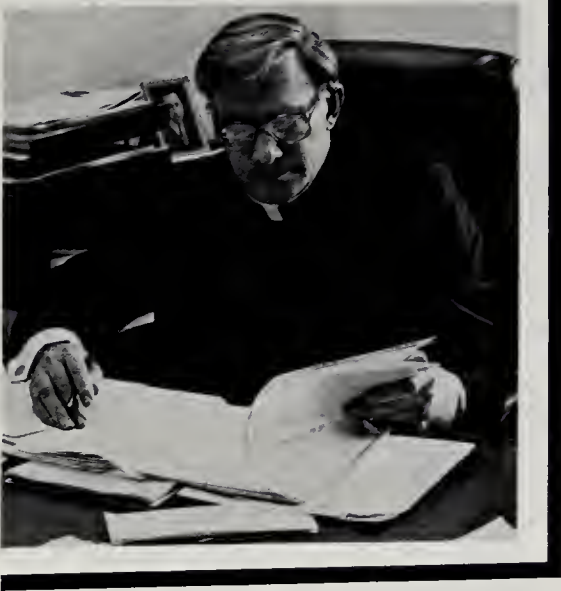
FR. BANET: Right. We were assuredly faced by problems, many of them financial, when the fire occurred. That fire was a terrific emotional and physical loss to all of us, but it moved us on to new, stirring accomplishments. Our Rensselaer and Jasper County neighbors came to our aid immediately via the Neighbor Fund, and students, faculty, staff, alumni, parents, trustees and friends from all over joined hands to show all of us how much they care, how much Saint Joseph's is needed. In this continuing spirit of redevelopment, we have won widespread and necessary financial support, conserved and wisely utilized our resources, and we have brought our budget in line with the help of an overall institutional effort to make ends meet in every corner of college operations. We've learned the valuable lesson that our problems are not insurmountable; when this college family pulls together as it is doing, progress and success follow.

CONTACT: The bottle of the budget is rugged, indeed. Do you foresee a solid financial future for Saint Joseph's?

FR. BANET: Everything we do depends to a certain extent on our national economic picture, but we have made all necessary financial steps to this date with foresight and prudence. Through it all we stand as a valid, viable college with a lot to offer to today's young men and women. With our continued wise use of resources, careful watching of expenditures and support from our friends, I'd say our future is bright indeed—financially, academically and in all other respects.

CONTACT: In a broad sense, this college seems to be more "open," more aware and concerned than ever before. Was this one of your major objectives?

FR. BANET: This was and is one of my top-priority goals. I believe we have opened this institution up in a monumental way. We have an open and free society here and I feel this is the best measure of the high quality of this college. We want to share our joys and sorrows, our goals and worries, our ideas and plans with all members of our college family; and we want all these members, ranging from students to faculty to alumni to trustees to join us in open dialogue and concern. Students who dashed into our burning Administration Building to save irreplaceable records and files told us how much they love this college. So many others have reassured us of their love since then, and this is what happens when you achieve an "open" institution.



CONTACT: Allowing that the presidency is the type of job you can't lay down or push aside, can you escape its consistent demands with any hobbies or recreation?

FR. BANET: Thank the Lord that he created fish. I've found fishing to be a most relaxing and enjoyable pastime. It allows me to get away from it all, even if for just a little while. As my secretary will tell you come summertime, if I'm not in the office, you can find me out at the gravel pit with a line in the water.

CONTACT: Do you have any other spare-time activities or pet projects?

FR. BANET: A favorite of mine has been genealogy—the study of ancestry, family names and family histories. I've been at this roughly since the time of my ordination in 1949 and I've found it very enjoyable.

CONTACT: Speaking of families, the Banet family of Fort Wayne, Ind., has quite a story in itself. Yourself, your brother and two of your sisters have given more than 100 years of service to the Catholic Church. Isn't this unusual, to say the least, for one family?

FR. BANET: It probably is, not only because of the total years of service to the Church, but because the four of us have each served in different types of work and in four different orders of religious. Moreover, three of us graduated from Saint Joseph's and all four of us received a major portion of our undergraduate education here.

CONTACT: What areas of service to the Church are covered by these four Banets?

FR. BANET: My calling, of course, has been higher education with duties here as assistant librarian for three years, head librarian for 12 years and now the presidency for the past decade. My brother, Fr. Paul, has worked as a pastoral assistant, in development of vocations, and since 1968 has been co-pastor of St. Veronica's Church, a Black parish, in Baltimore, Md. Sister Laura is now Principal of St. Mary's Elementary School at East Chicago, Ind., and she has taught at other schools for more than 25 years. And Sister Ruth has worked in teaching and social work for 25 years; right now she's engaged in missionary work in Bolivia, where she is Directress of her community's formation program for native sisters.

CONTACT: The vocations in your family were probably no accident. Did your parents encourage all of you toward these lives of service?

FR. BANET: Let's say they did not discourage us. Vocation wasn't a subject discussed so much as lived in our home. Both my father and mother were outreaching in their charity and love for others. Their dedication and commitment to God was evidenced more by their relations to neighbor than by preaching and praying. The ecumenical spirit existed at home long before Vatican II. I think the outreach is exemplified in the variety of vocations that the children chose. When the religious spirit is something lived, vocations are a natural consequence. Anyone who knew my parents could explain this.

"WE LOOK TO THE FUTURE WITH CONFIDENCE AND OPTIMISM."

CONTACT: When you first assumed the presidency, you remarked "Saint Joseph's is a college with potential for greatness." Has some degree of this greatness been achieved in the past decade?

FR. BANET: I think it has. The tangible signs are there, in improvements and innovations made in our curriculum, in our redevelopment, in our renewed sense of dedication of purpose to the future, in our always-growing sense of community among members of this college family. The reach for greatness never really ends—I really believe more things have worked out well than badly; we have confronted our problems head-on, we have overcome most of them and we have confidence that we will successfully handle those that remain and others that will inevitably arise. By virtue of challenges met and conquered, this college and its people have developed a sense of optimism, confidence and faith in the future that pervades the entire campus. We know now more than ever before what we can do, and we look to the future confident that with the continued support of our many friends we will continue indefinitely to serve a society that strongly needs excellent small colleges like Saint Joseph's.



Alumni Class Notes

1922

Ray Ziegman of Orrville, Ohio, has been named Poul L. Powell "Citizen of the Year" for 1974 by the Orrville Chamber of Commerce.

1928

Rev. Charles M. Magsam, M.M., has authored a book titled *The Experience of God* published by Ardis Publishing Co. He lives in Santiago, Chile.

1932

Rev. John M. Lefko has resigned as president of Calumet College in East Chicago, Ind. Fr. Lefko has been designated president emeritus and will continue working with the development of the college.

1935

Rev. Rudolph P. Bierberg, C.P.P.S., was recently awarded the Father Edwin G. Kaiser Faculty Scholar Award. This award was made at the annual honors banquet Apr. 2.

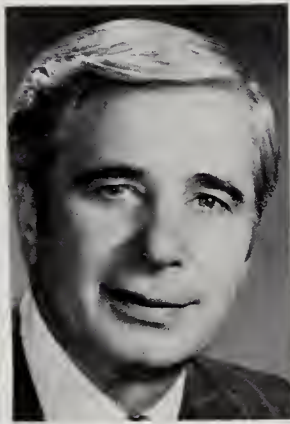
1947

Jack Pepper is presently Manager of Exploration Interpretations for the international division of Mobil Oil Corporation in Dallas, Tex.

Hugh J. Davey was recently elected president of the Indianapolis Loan Exchange.



Bierberg, '35



Stone, '50



McCabe, '53



Koron, '60

1950

Charles Pepper is the drilling superintendent for Mobil Oil North Sea with headquarters in Stavanger, Norway.

Roy E. Stone has been elected corporate vice-president for technical resources of Heublein Inc., a leading marketer of alcoholic beverages in Farmington, Conn.

1952

Edgar M. Cobett, associate professor of education at Youngstown (Ohio) State University, has been elected by the Elementary Education Department to be its acting chairperson for 1975-76.

1953

Joseph A. Bou-sliman has recently assumed the post of Chief of Police in Villa Park, Ill. He was formerly a member of the Law Enforcement Commission of Du Page County.

Rev. James F. McCabe has been selected by the board of directors as president of Calumet College in East Chicago, Ind. Fr. McCabe is the third president in the 24-year history of the college and the first to be chosen by the board of directors.

1954

Dr. Richard Doherty has been invited to be the main speaker at the 25th commencement ceremony of Marquette High School in Ottawa, Ill.

1957

Rev. Vincent J. Balice is the author of *Ibsen's Feminine Mystique*, recently published by Vantage Press, Inc., of New York City.

1959

Gerald E. Byrne Jr., M.D., has been appointed associate professor of pathology and internal medicine at the University of Miami (Fla.) School of Medicine.

1960

John T. Sheahan has been promoted to vice-president in charge of real estate at Plaza Drive-In Bank in Norridge, Ill.

John M. Finnegan has begun a private practice of law in Louisville, Ky.

Ronald P. Koron has been named director of internal audit on the corporate financial staff of Heublein, Inc., in Farmington, Conn.

Matt Lynch is the corporate secretary for Monarch Air Service in Chicago.

1961

Dr. William D. Krantz has been awarded a Fulbright-Hays Fellowship in the Mideast. He will present a paper at an International Chemical Engineering meeting this summer in Munich, Germany.

Mike Crosse is the corporate treasurer for Monarch Air Service in Chicago.

1962

Robert Rospenda spent the months of September through November, 1974, working for the Domes & Moore office in Johannesburg, South Africa.

1963

Sister Joselyn Brenner, O.S.F., has been named to the Board of Directors of the National Federation of Diocesan Liturgy Commissions.

John Drennan will receive a Fellowship in the Casualty Actuarial Society this month.

1965

Ed Bara is currently serving as a social studies teacher and coach at Brother Rice High School in Chicago, Ill.

Craig G. Bolanos is currently on the staff of Ridgewood High School in Norridge, Ill., teaching chemistry and coaching football.

1967

Dr. Joseph W. Hake graduated from Loyola Dental School in 1972 and has spent the last two years at Parris Island, S. C., as a Navy dentist.

1968

Bob Menard is a captain in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and recently graduated from the Engineer Officer Advanced Course. He will be assigned to the 4th Engineer Battalion at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs, Colo.

1969

John D. Brady was recently elected trust officer by the board of directors of the American National Bank and Trust Company of Chicago.

Michael J. Higgins is serving as a research assistant for Cast Iron Pipe Research Association. He is also attending Lewis University (Lockport, Ill.) College of Law.

1970

James T. Francis has been named freshman basketball coach at Lorain Catholic High School in Lorain, Ohio.

Paul M. Weber is currently attending Kent State University for a masters degree in library science.

1971

Mark J. Fox is a firefighter for the Milwaukee Fire Department.

1974

William E. Sullivan is supervising extracurricular activities for junior-high age boys at St. Rita's School for the Deaf. Upon his graduation from the University of Cincinnati, he will become a full-time teacher at the school.

Neto Roser is working as a U.S. Customs Broker in Brownsville, Tex., and is also coaching junior varsity basketball at St. Joseph Academy in Brownsville.

YOU'RE NEWSWORTHY

Everyone likes to see their name in print, and we'd like to print yours as frequently as possible on this page. Where are you and what are you doing? Write us and tell us about your job, family, hobbies, you name it. Many of your classmates and other alumni are interested in you and we want to share your news items with all of our college family. Write: Father Sante Reale, Executive Director of Alumni Association, Saint Joseph's College, Rensselaer, Indiana (47978).

ALUMNI PRESIDENT'S REPORT

With my term as President of Saint Joseph's Alumni Association now drawing to a close, I'd like to personally thank my fellow officers, board members and alumni for their terrific cooperation during these past five years. Pulling together as loyal alumni who love Saint Joseph's, we have helped our alma mater to not only survive the devastating loss of the Administration Building and the ongoing money crunch, but to face the future with renewed confidence in our viability and necessity to all of society.

Certainly challenges remain and will inevitably arise—right now a balanced college budget is of highest priority. But we have seen how united alumni support can overcome such difficulties. Our range of alumni activities also has broadened considerably—witness the approaching Academy reunion May 30 to June 1 and graduation June 15 when the Alumni Association will present Dorothy Colgon a plaque and \$100 prize as senior-of-the-year.

Jim Modden '64 assumes the Alumni Association's presidency July 12; your continued cooperation and support will assuredly make his term as meaningful and fulfilling as was mine.

Sincerely,

Philip J. Wilhelm

Philip J. Wilhelm '63

MARRIAGES

Gerald Kramer '74 and **Deborah Ann Brockert '74**, Mar. 1, 1975.

John O. White '73 and **Maureen Hamilton '75**, Apr. 5, 1975.

Kathleen Rogers '72, Mar. 22, 1975.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. **Joseph Jungblut '69**, a son, Stephen Bernord, born Mar. 25, 1975.

To Mr. and Mrs. **Dennis Zielinski '70**, a daughter, Denise Marie, born Dec. 19, 1975.

To Mr. and Mrs. **Richard J. Rossi '68**, twin boys, Richard and Anthony, born Oct. 31, 1975.

To Mr. and Mrs. **Patrick Htpas '69**, a daughter, Sara Elizabeth, born Mar. 18, 1975.

To Mr. and Mrs. **Robert A. Palmieri '70**, a daughter, Katherine Elizabeth, born Jan. 11, 1975.

To Mr. and Mrs. **Larry Johnson '72**, a daughter, Amy Lyn, born Dec. 23, 1974.

To Mr. and Mrs. **Craig G. Bolanos '65**, a son, Craig George, born Jan. 27, 1975.

To Mr. and Mrs. **John Drennan '63**, a daughter, Leslie Michele, born Mar. 4, 1975.

To Mr. and Mrs. **John T. Sheahan '60**, a son, Michael Joseph, born Feb. 21, 1975.

To Mr. and Mrs. **Paul A. Miller Jr. '69**, a son, Michael Scott, born Oct. 22, 1974.

DEATHS

Honorable H. E. Sullivan '13, of Wilmette, Ill., in March, 1975.

William A. Brinkoetter '51, of Decatur, Ill., Feb. 6, 1975.

J. Henry Hipskind '11, past president of the Alumni Association, passed to his reward Apr. 8, 1975. We at Saint Joseph's have a deep debt of gratitude for over 25 years of service that Mr. Hipskind gave to SJC. May he rest in peace.

Paul Funk '46, of Kentland, Ind.

Joseph Costin '18, of Peru, Ind., Aug. 6, 1975.

Reverend Urban Landoll, C.P.P.S., '21, of Celina, Ohio, Mar. 20, 1975.

Leo J. Sondgerath '32, of Fowler, Ind., Feb. 21, 1975.

James Heckmann '34, Feb. 26, 1975.

Michael P. Brady '20, Jan. 28, 1975.

JOE Chapter flies Jimmy's mom to SJC

Saint Joseph's 1974-75 basketball season brought many highlights, including the school's first outright Indiana Collegiate Conference championship ever. But for a peak of emotion, nothing could match the night of Feb. 22, when the Pumas whipped Wabash to clinch the title.

That night also fixed itself in the minds of many Puma followers because this was the final home game of Jim Thordsen, the All-American center who clearly ranks as the top basketball player in SJC history. Moreover, his mother had come all the way from Puerto Rico to see him, for her first time, as the player who was synonymous with SJC basketball for four years.

Several hours before the college initiated a scholarship in Thordsen's name, "preferably to go to a deserving Puerto Rican student," Thordsen and his mother Frances paused to reflect on events which brought the 6-6 jumping jack to Rensselaer, plus her feeling about Jim during his famous four years at SJC.

"The trip from Puerto Rico was a wonderful experience and I enjoyed it very much, but the real thrill came when I got off the plane in Chicago and saw Jimmy," Mrs. Thordsen says. "And then to come out here to the college . . . it's even better than I had ever thought it would be. It's such a wonderful place. And the way he plays basketball . . . it's wonderful . . . and really so surprising."

Mrs. Thordsen never dreamed her son would accomplish what he has on the hardwood. "I knew that he always liked basketball, because when he was a little boy he was always going to the park to play. But never in my life did I think he was going to be this good."

Jim points out that "basketball in Puerto Rico, for the little boys is not what it is up here. The Puerto Rican Basketball Federation (an amateur league) sponsors minor leagues and the kids play a lot, but while the program is developing, it is not developing or is not as advanced as it is in this country."

"We never had the coaching down there that we have up here and that's why I would like to get my master's degree after I graduate this year and go into coaching and take it back to Puerto Rico where I could work with the kids. As a kid I didn't know the opportunities which basketball could offer and I'm sure there are many, many others down there—just like I was and just waiting for a break like the one I've received."

As a sandlot player, Thordsen met a man who has been like a father to him—Quique Banchi—who really introduced him to basketball.

"I had tried out for a couple of teams down there in the islands, but Quique got me a tryout with the Isabella team, a new town team that was just being organized and it opened the door. Then Fufi Santore, my coach, worked with me and changed my shot and built my interest," Jim recalls.

"I could have gone to the University of Puerto Rico, but the coaches down there knew they couldn't match the opportunities which Saint Joseph's offered and they sort of advised me to come up here, although there were several coaches who told me that it was a different game up here."



Mrs. Thordsen adds "I've seen Jimmy play back home, but it is a different game here; I'm very proud of the way he has developed in college, both as a student and as a basketball player. I'm not really scared over having Jimmy play college basketball, but it is rough. I just hope he doesn't get hurt so much."

And Mrs. Thordsen likes what her son is getting in return for playing the game—his college education. "It's so much more than I ever thought he could get," she says, "and I'm so glad he's here at Saint Joseph's. I like the atmosphere and all of these fine people . . . they've taken such good care of my son. And I know that he's getting a good education."

"The years that he's spent here in college are going to mean so much to him, and to all of the people back home, if he comes back there to teach and coach," she continues. "It is just like being in another world and all of the nice things you people say about my son mean so much to me. And I know that Jimmy appreciates everything that has been done for him; both of us are so grateful that we could be together for these few days."

Tie-Tying puts students in knots

Have you ever tried to tell someone how to tie a necktie—in writing only? It's not very easy, and for several years groups of frustrated Saint Joseph's College students have been wrestling with this challenge.

It's all part of a valuable lesson students of finance have been learning from Ralph A. Marini, associate professor of finance.

"I simply became upset with the loose and imprecise use of the English language I had seen so often in papers, so I decided to do something about it," Marini explains. "Apparently this particular assignment has become something of a classic."

Students probably regard the assignment as something less than classic, but here's how it works.

Seniors and freshmen, enrolled in the course "Case Problems of Financial Management," are asked to write out instructions on how to tie a necktie. In the next class meeting, students will follow the written instructions precisely, and the result is often downright amusing.

"You get an interesting mixture of freshmen who think they know how to write and explain things clearly but don't, and seniors who think they have now learned how to write and explain clearly, but don't," Marini notes. "The writers often think this is an easy assignment, until they see their fellow students follow their written instructions literally and often wind up terribly distorted."

Sadder, a bit more frustrated but not yet necessarily wiser, the students are told to re-write their tie-tying instructions for the next class meeting, seeking the clarity and preciseness they missed in round one.

"By this time, many students are a little upset with themselves and they'll spend hours and hours developing what they feel is a good set of accurate, easy-to-follow instructions," Marini adds. "Before we're finished, we may spend three class sessions on this assignment."

After all this, a point is firmly made and the students have completed an experience

It was the Southwestern Indiana chapter of the Saint Joseph's College Alumni Association—often called the JOE chapter because many of its 62 members are from the Jasper - Owenboro - Evansville area—that pooled its resources for Mrs. Thordsen's plane fare from Puerto Rico to Rensselaer.

"Feb. 22 was the ideal time to bring Mrs. Thordsen here," says Dave Eckerle, an officer in the Dubois County Bank in Jasper. "The whole thing worked out beautifully. Mrs. Thordsen flew into Chicago the day before the Wabash game and went straight to the college for the banquet at noon Saturday and for the game Saturday night."

John Spindler, a member of the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association, says "This was a natural thing for us to do, to bring Jimmy's mother up here, after what he has done for the college over the past four years. And a majority of the 62 members in our chapter agreed."

This entire chapter in the Jim Thordsen story is typified by spirit—student and on-campus spirit plus alumni spirit. Such spirit has become a trademark of SJC athletics, and this growing spirit also has resulted in growing success on the field and floor of competition.

Puma pays his old Rec Hall debt

Brother Gerald VonHagel, infirmary director and freshman class advisor at Brunnerdale Seminary in Canton, Ohio, has a good reason to believe that Saint Joseph's alumni don't forget to pay their debts.

When he opened a letter addressed to himself recently, an unsigned note was enclosed along with a dollar. The note read: "Brother Gerard, I owe this to Rec Hall."

Brother Gerard, who also supervises the laundry service at Brunnerdale, operated the popular Raleigh Hall recreation center for SJC students until 1964, when that center was subsequently moved to Halleck Center.

In sending the dollar to college President Fr. Charles Banet, Brother wrote: "I find it quite amazing that someone of our alumni should remember after at least ten years that he owed the Rec Hall a dollar. I guess it goes to show that Saint Joe's turns out honest and upright citizens."



they'll not soon forget. The first major lesson is that the English language must be respected and used precisely at all times, no matter what profession you are engaged in.

"Secondly, students learn that there are times when the English language breaks down, when despite the use of precise-as-possible language, there are sometimes still better ways to give instructions—as through pictures or visual illustrations," Marini points out.

It's important that professionals and businessmen exercise care in use of the English language, he stresses. "Take the field of finance, for example. This field has its own set of professional jargon which can sometimes be hard enough to understand. Accordingly, it's important to be precise in the overall use of our language so as not to create additional roadblocks to clear communication."

In previous years, Marini also used this assignment in Core curriculum classes, and he summarizes the experience like this: "It's well worth the time spent on it, because as the semester moves along, much less time is needed to correct poor and imprecise use of the language."



Running Power — Saint Joseph's Old-Timers tossed plenty of ground power at the varsity during their Apr. 5 game on campus. Here Jim Mercon '73 (32) leads Karl Maio '70 (45) on an end run in the alumni's 19-0 loss.

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First Session — July 13 - 19

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All-inclusive fee: \$125.00 per week, includes room, meals, T-shirt and insurance.

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Bucks' Camp July 13-19

Saint Joseph's College will sponsor another popular Milwaukee Bucks' Basketball Camp for boys aged nine-18 next July 13-19, it has been announced by Camp Director John Weinert.

Weinert and his staff will again stress the fundamentals of shooting, passing, rebounding and individual defense during the camp. One major feature of the camp will be the on-campus appearance of at least one Bucks' player to assist in a day's teaching sessions.

Weinert, head basketball coach at Saint Joseph's for the past three years, has a widespread reputation for the development of young basketball talent. His Saint Joe teams have compiled a cumulative 55-28 record, won one Indiana Collegiate Conference championship, one NCAA Great Lakes Regional title and the Pumas have participated in post-season tournaments for two consecutive years.

"Everything of this camp is charted and an individual evaluation is made of each player in writing and sent to his home one week after the camp closes," explains Weinert.

"I am glad to see that our camp has gained so much interest in these past three years," he continues. "But we will not let it get too big. We want to have at least one adult coach for each nine boys. If it gets too big, it becomes too formal and we lose that valuable personal attention."

Fees for the camp are \$120 for live-in campers and \$90 for day campers. This includes three family-style meals daily. Requests for additional information should be forwarded to Coach John Weinert, Saint Joseph's College, Rensselaer, Indiana (47978).